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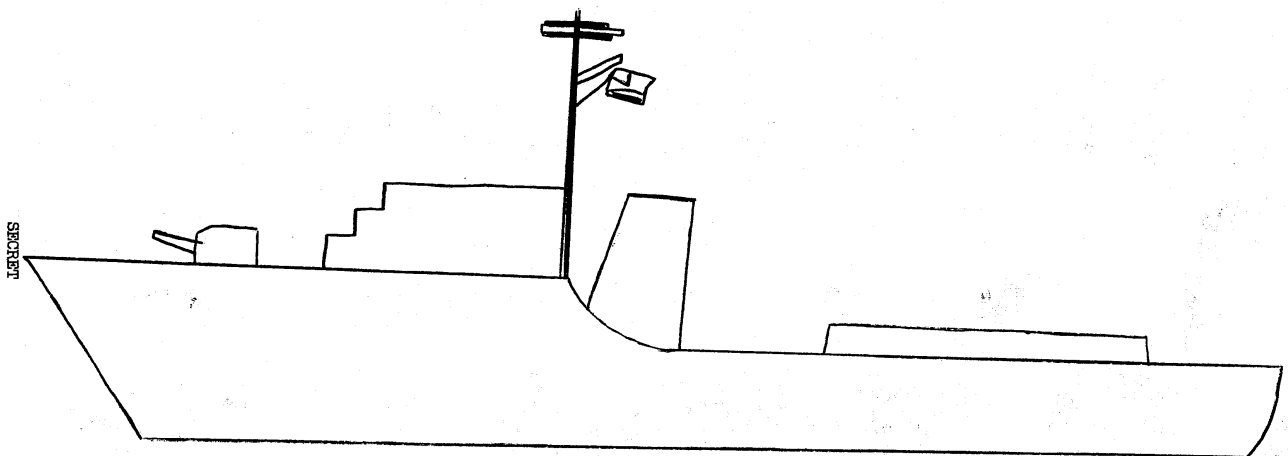
1. At 0940 on 1 June 1954, four Soviet naval vessels coming from the west on a southeasterly course and proceeding in line formation two ship's lengths apart, were sighted as they approached the narrows between Naissaar Island (N 59-30, E 24-25) and the mainland. Five or six reports, apparently gunfire from the ships sighted, were heard from the bay west of Naissaar. The group of vessels, which consisted of three boats and one larger vessel, disappeared at 0953 on an easterly course south of Naissaar. At 1100 three vessels, similar to the smaller three sighted previously, appeared on a northerly course east of Naissaar and turned to the west when north of Naissaar. The vessels were painted gray and proceeded at a speed of between 20 and 25 knots. The after edge of the smokestack was equidistant from stem and stern. The smokestack was just aft of the bridge and a little lower. A single mast was on the after end of the bridge structure. A gun superimposed over the forward turret seemed to be mounted on the forward section of the bridge. Several low structures were seen on the extended fantail. (See sketch on page 2)
2. From 0945 to 1035 on 1 June, three white mushroom-shaped smoke clouds were observed at an altitude of 50 to 60 meters far inland between Suurop and Tallim. Although a light northerly wind was blowing, they maintained their shape and altitude.

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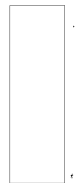
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SKETCH OF VESSEL SIGHTED NEAR NAISSAAR



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